THE METHOD OF SAYING

THE HOLY ROSARY,

ACCORDING TO THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY

HIS HOLINESS, POPE PIUS V.

Of the Holy Order of Preachers.

WITH

SOME ADDITIONAL REFLECTIONS UPON THE MYSTERIES.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

THE DEVOTION OF THE FIFTEEN SATURDAYS,

THE LITTLE OFFICE OF ST. DOMINIC, &c.

"As a Palm-tree in Cades am I exalted, and as a Rose-plant in Jerico."
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INTRODUCTION.

SOME OF THE INDULGENCES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

1. A Plenary Indulgence on the day a person is enrolled in the Confraternity of the holy Rosary, provided he confesses and communicates.

2. A Plenary Indulgence upon the first Sunday of every month. A Plenary Indulgence upon all the feasts on which the Church celebrates any of the mysteries of the holy Rosary; viz., Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, the Ascension, Whitsunday; on the principal feasts of our Blessed Lady—namely, the Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Nativity, Presentation, and Immaculate Conception.

A Plenary Indulgence upon the first Sunday of October, the great solemnity of the holy Rosary, and upon the third Sunday of April.*

* In memory of a great pestilence being miraculously extinguished in the city of Pavia in Italy, as soon as the inhabitants had made a vow to erect a beautiful chapel and celebrate every year a solemn procession in honour of our Blessed Lady of the Rosary. It is kept to the pre-

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Leo X., Clement VIII., Paul III., and Innocent XI., have enriched this Society with all the ancient Indulgences of the Stations within and without the walls of Rome, upon condition of being truly contrite, and visiting five altars, or one altar five times, and saying five Paters and Aves each time, upon the days of those Stations—namely, the first, second, third, (the three Ember days,) and the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Every day from Septuagesima till Low Sunday, upon Christmas eve, Christmas day, the Epiphany, New Year's Day, and the feast of St. Mark. Upon the three Rogation days, the Ascension, from Whitsun Eve till the feast of the Blessed Trinity; and upon the three ember days in September.

A Plenary Indulgence granted by Pope Benedict XIII. to all the faithful who devoutly say the whole, or at least the third part, of the Rosary; an Indulgence of one hundred days for every Our Father and Mary Hail Mary.*

Lastly, a Plenary Indulgence at the article of

sent day, as a yearly memorial and public acknowledgment of the truth. It was fully attested by Pope Gregory XIII., (who upon this account granted a Plenary Indulgence to the Confraternity of the holy Rosary,) and by the Right Reverend Father Seraphin Siceus, General of the Order, who was present when this miracle happened.—*Lalaing, Part II., p.* 460.

* In order to gain the above Indulgences, it is required the beads be blessed by some Religious of the Dominican Order. Should a person be sick, and not able to say the Rosary, he may get it said for him by another, and he shall gain the Indulgence.

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death, to be conferred by any Confessor the penitent may choose, according to the form prescribed in the breviary of the holy Order of Preachers. In case of necessity, this general (not sacramental) absolution of the holy Rosary may be conferred in these words: "By authority of the Apostolic See, now committed to me, I apply to thee the indulgence granted by Pope Innocent VIII. to the brethren of the Holy Rosary in the article of death. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, &c." —which being granted only for the article of death, and therefore only once to be received, 'tis advisable always to confer it with this condition—"If thou happenest to die of this sickness."

Whosoever is lawfully enrolled in the society of the holy Rosary, is made partaker of all Masses, sermons, watchings, &c., performed by all the brethren and sisters of the Order throughout the whole world, by the authority of the Holy See. This charity even extends beyond the grave, for the entire order celebrates four anniversaries during the year, on which days the Holy Sacrifice is offered for the deceased members.

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THE ROSARY

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

In the name of the Father, &c.

Vers. Incline unto my aid, O God.

Resp. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.* Alleluia.

Vers. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O, sacred Virgin.

Resp. And give me strength against thy enemies.

I believe in God, &c., with three Hail Marys.†

* Which is said throughout the whole year, except between Septuagesima Sunday and Holy Thursday, during which time is said—"*Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory!*"

† In paying supreme worship to the all-glorious Trinity, and in honour of our blessed Lady, inasmuch as she is the adopted daughter of God the Father, the mother of the Son, and the spouse of the Holy Ghost.

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I. THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR BLESSED LADY.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the angel Gabriel saluted our Blessed Lady with the title of "Full of grace," and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*†Be still, and let our hearts here adore, in a language higher than that of words, the amazing wonders of the infinite love and goodness of God towards us, in thus providing himself a lamb for a burnt offering—for us, poor, miserable sinners, vile reptiles of the earth, who had so highly deserved to be thrown from his mercy for ever.

Let us imagine to ourselves that we see the angel of God descending from heaven with the joyful news to our Blessed Lady—"*Hail! full of grace . . . thou shalt conceive . . . the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee . . . thou shalt bear a Son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus.*

O, miracle of love! the co-eternal Son of the living God, seeing the miseries into which we were plunged, could not rest—no, not in the blessed arms of his heavenly Father, but divests himself, as it were, of his most transcendant majesty and glory, descends from heaven that we might ascend thither, and becomes the Son of man, that we might become the children of God.

Our Father, &c.

* This mark (†) here, as in the other mysteries, begins the additional reflections, to be made use of as devotion shall suggest.

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LET US PRAY.

O, holy Mary, queen of virgins, by the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun, obtain for us, we beseech thee, by thy intercession, light to know this so great a benefit which he hath bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother, and thee, his own most beloved mother, our mother also. Amen.

II. THE VISITATION.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

† Let us imagine here that we see our Blessed Lady preparing herself for the journey, and let us devoutly accompany her, now with child of Jesus, and going, mother of God as she was, to pay this office of charity to St. Elizabeth, six months gone with child of St. John the Baptist.

Behold her entering the house of Zacharias, and saluting St. Elizabeth. O, blessed salutation, at which the infant precursor leaped for joy in his mother's womb, was sanctified and cleansed from original sin, and the mother replenished with the Holy Ghost! Oh! let us here make one moment's stay, at least, where the mother of God staid three months, employed in every virtue, in every kind office and work of charity, communicating the divine mystery

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of the incarnation, and praising God:—"*My soul doth magnify the Lord, &c.*"

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O, holy Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us by thy intercession that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that, being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks for ever. Amen.

III. THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

† Let us imagine ourselves here surrounded by a divine brightness, and flying to Bethlehem with the watchful shepherds. Let us imagine we hear the melodious harmony of the heavenly musicians, singing—"*Glory in the highest heaven to God*, upon account of those tidings of great joy which were brought to us; *because this day is born to us a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.*"

Let us now enter into the stable, and humbly fall prostrate before our divine Jesus. Oh, what amazing mysteries! A pure creature gives life to her Creator! a virgin becomes a mother without ceasing

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to be a virgin! the Son of God, the Father without a mother from all eternity, becomes in time the Son of a virgin mother without a father! and he whom the heavens cannot comprehend is wrapt in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger!

O, blessed Jesus! what astonishing humility and condescension are here displayed! No room, in the depth and rigour of winter, for this Divine babe! No room—no, not for the Saviour of the world—but in a stable!

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O, most pure mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, by which thou gavest unto the world thy only Son, our Saviour, we beseech thee obtain for us by thy intercession grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both by day and night, the mercies of thy Son and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

IV. THE PRESENTATION OF OUR BLESSED LORD IN THE TEMPLE.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received him into his arms.

† Let us place ourselves here in the temple of Jerusalem, and imagine we see the mother of God coming with the child Jesus in her arms, to offer him

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up to his heavenly father, and to undergo the ceremony of purification, in obedience to the laws of Moses. To those laws, to which neither he nor she was by any means obliged, except to prevent scandal and singularity.

Hear the devout Anna praising the Lord; see holy Simeon, who comes into the temple admonished by the Holy Ghost, adoring his Saviour in humble prostrations, taking him into his arms, blessing God, and saying, "*Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, &c.*" Oh! may we, most sacred Virgin, receive him out of your arms into our hearts, and there enjoy him in the closest embraces, who is the life of our souls, our light to enlighten us, *and the glory of his people of Israel.*

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O, holy Virgin, most admirable mistress, and pattern of obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple, obtain for us of thy beloved Son grace, that with holy Simeon and devout Anna we may praise and glorify him for ever. Amen.

V. THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the most blessed Virgin Mary, having lost, without any fault of hers, her beloved Son in Jerusalem, she sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the third day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being then but twelve years of age.

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† Let us imagine here that we see the most holy family the world ever saw, Jesus now twelve years of age, with Mary and Joseph coming up to Jerusalem, according to the custom of the festival day; but not returning as they came, the child Jesus remaining in Jerusalem, and retiring from them to do his Father's will.

Let us imagine again that we see the holy Virgin, being now come homewards a day's journey, and missing Jesus, all drowned in tears, seeking him amongst her acquaintance, and hastening back to Jerusalem, where she finds him diffusing the rays of his divine wisdom in the midst of the doctors, to the great astonishment of all that heard him. What sorrow from the loss! what ravishing joy in finding him!

Sweetest Jesus, how often do we lose you through our fault! Oh! may we as often seek you as your blessed mother did, with true sorrow of heart, and with tears in our eyes; especially in the temple, in the house of prayer, where you may be found!

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

Most blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted, by that unspeakable joy, wherewith thy soul was ravished in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors disputing with them, obtain of him for us so to seek him and find him in the holy Catholic Church, that we may never be separated from him. Amen.

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THE FIVE DOLOROUS MYSTERIES.

I. THE PRAYER AND BLOODY SWEAT OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR IN THE GARDEN.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trinkling down in great drops to the ground.

† Let us imagine ourselves here with Jesus and his three beloved disciples, in the mournful garden, and that we hear him say, now plunged in a sea of bitterness, what should cut us to the very heart to hear—*My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.*

Ah! woe is me, my dearest Jesus, that you should be so afflicted for me!

Let us go on a little farther, and see what our sins have done, the saddest spectacle that ever eye beheld! The Son of God lying prostrate on the ground, struggling under the most dismal agonies and anguish of mind, which drew sweat of blood, *great drops of blood*, from every pore, and a vehement desire that the bitterness of that cup, that the bitterness of his approaching passion, might pass from him if it were possible.

Nevertheless, says he (O astonishing resignation to the will of God), *not my will, but thine be done:* in obedience to your will, I am resolved to bear the bitterest pangs.

Our Father, &c.

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LET US PRAY.

O most holy Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

II. THE SCOURGING OF OUR BLESSED LORD AT THE PILLAR.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thousand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget.

† Let us imagine here that we see our dearest Jesus, after he was apprehended, blindfolded, buffetted, spit upon, and insulted in the most ignominious manner, stript of all his clothes, and bound to a pillar. See, and let our hearts sink within us: what merciless strokes shower down upon his divine shoulders. His skin is torn off with knotty scourges! his blood springs out in streams, pieces of flesh fly in the air, and his bones are laid uncovered! — one wound from head to foot. And are not our hearts wounded? Are they not at least touched with a feeling of the smart, which Jesus felt for us?

Oh! the heinousness, the monstrous heinousness of sin, and the fierceness of God's anger against it! —against the sins of human nature which he assumed, when so heavy a load of suffering is laid upon the innocent, sinless Lamb of God, who had

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nothing to suffer for, in himself, but only for our sakes.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

III. THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR WITH THORNS.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

† Let us imagine that we see our suffering Jesus before our eyes, clothed with the purple of derision, as if the King of glory had pretended to some royalty that did not belong to him. See the thorny crown struck deep into his sacred temples, and the blood gushing out from every wound—*wounded for our iniquities—broken for our sins.*—Behold his sacred head bruised with the reed, that mock sceptre which they put into his hands, whilst they bend the knee before him in this piteous condition, and make obeisance to him in mockery and wantonness: whilst royal salutations—*Hail King of the Jews*, are seconded with all kind of buffooneries and spiteful treatment.

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Nay, but O man, *behold the man!* that divine man, God, and God-man, laid as low for our pride, as grief and sorrow, and pain and shame, could lay him! Behold the uncreated wisdom of his eternal Father ridiculed, omnipotence injured and affronted, and divine Majesty crowned with ignominy!

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O mother of our eternal Prince and King of glory, by those sharp thorns, wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and in the day of judgment from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

IV. JESUS CARRYING THE CROSS.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore with the most amazing patience the cross, which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

† Let us imagine to ourselves here, that we see those inhuman, spiteful, pitiless wretches, tearing off his cleaving purple, and laying upon Jesus, now exhausted in anguish, and languishing and thirst, the heavy load of a rude unwieldy cross; which makes his yielding shoulders sink under the weight: and thus he falls, unable to bear the ignominious instrument of his own pains.

See how they drag our dearest Lord through all the violent steps of insult, and scorn, and reproach, to the top of that fatal mountain,—with such cruelties committed upon his sacred person, that he must

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have necessarily consummated his sacrifice in the way, had not Calvary been the place appointed for the finishing stroke!

Oh! but let us step in, we who have had so great a hand in his blood, with Simon of Cyrene, and bear with him a part of the burthen; let us accompany him with his dearest afflicted mother, and bathe his bloody footsteps with our tears.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the cross, on which thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him, by thy intercession, courage, and strength, to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him, to *the end of our lives. Amen.*

V. THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the cross, in the presence of his most afflicted mother.

† Let us imagine ourselves here under the cross *looking upon him whom we have pierced.* Methinks I see him all in a flame, offering himself up a burnt offering, both the priest sacrificing and the lamb sacrificed, for the sins of the whole world, and for mine in particular—hanging by the painful fastenings of three gross nails, under a most violent distortion of every limb.

Here, methinks I hear the strokes of the hammer,

enough to rend the rocks and make heaven and earth tremble. Oh! how fast the blood gushes out of the sacred orifices! whilst he is praying for his enemies, his bowels yearning, his heart melting with commisseration; languishing, agonising, thirsting, fainting, bleeding, dying: and all out of pity and compassion to me.

But, O my sweetest Jesus! am I the cause of your death? I will then revenge your death upon my sins which caused it, will kill and crucify them, which killed and crucified you. *Oh! that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep both day and night*, lament and sympathise with you.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O blessed Virgin, mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion for his most bitter passion. And thou, O most holy Virgin, vouchsafe to negotiate, for and with us, the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. Amen.

THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

I. THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord

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Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day immortal and impassable.

† Let us imagine to ourselves here, that we see our blessed Lord arising out of the sepulchre, disfigured the other day, and hacked and mangled, but now immortal and clothed with splendour, and endowed with all the gifts of a glorified body, never to die any more.

Let us fix our eyes upon him, and behold him going to visit his blessed mother, to cheer and clear up that eclipsed heaven, to dry up the tears of her chaste eyes, and to give her the kiss of peace. Oh! what a heaven of joy filled her soul when she saw her beloved Son, our triumphant conqueror of sin and Satan, not hanging any more between two thieves, but environed by multitudes of angels; not covered with blood and gore, but enrobed with immortality and glory. Oh! the endearments that passed between them.

Sweetest Jesus, may we then die and mortify ourselves after your example; die to sin, which pierced your soul to death; and that rising again to life, we may rise and conquer as you have done, and trample every unruly passion under our feet.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O glorious Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only Son, we beseech thee to obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed

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in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

II. THE ASCENSION OF OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels, in sight of his most holy mother, his holy apostles and disciples, to the great admiration of them all.

† Let us imagine ourselves here upon the mountain of Olives, and that we see the glorious champion of our salvation taking leave of his blessed mother and disciples, comforting them, *lifting up his hands and blessing them*, and that we hear the angels sing, *Arise, O Lord, and go to the place of thy repose.* See him mounting up upon a cloud, ascending victorious from the wars, all dyed in blood, and leading captivity captive.

Whilst others of the heavenly chorus congratulating the conquests he had won, cry out to one another, *Who is this that comes from Edom with garments dyed in Bosra, this beautiful one with the stole of his humanity, that walketh in the multitude of his virtues? Who is this King of glory? Our Lord strong and mighty; our Lord, mighty in battle. Be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.*

Oh! let us think here what his blessed mother and disciples felt; whose hearts were so inflamed with love towards him, that they could not withdraw

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their eyes from heaven, nor leave the venerable place, till they were dismissed by two angels.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O mother of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands and blessed his apostles; so vouchsafe, most clement lady, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may obtain the benefit of his blessing, and thine here upon earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

III. THN DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right of God, sent, as he had promised, the Holy Ghost upon his apostles, continuing in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

† Let us imagine ourselves here in the sacred college of the apostles, assembled with them and Mary, the mother of Jesus, in an upper room in Jerusalem; persevering with one mind in prayer, purifying and preparing our souls with them, for the coming of the Holy Ghost, that blessed comforter, and spirit of all truth.

Let us now imagine to ourselves that we hear the noise which all on a sudden was *formed from Heaven, as it were of a violent rushing wind, which filled the whole house where they were sitting:*—to

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show what he would do in and by them.—The proudest spirits were humbled, the hardest hearts trembled, and the idols were overthrown, to give place to a crucified Jesus.—*And there appeared to them cloven tongues, as it were of fire, and they sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost.*

Oh! may the same alterations, the same blessed effects of this Holy Spirit be wrought in us; that so we may be made worthy temples of the Holy Ghost.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O sacred Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee obtain for us, by thy intercession, that this most sweet comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy and consolation, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

IV. THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the glorious Virgin Mary, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

†Let us imagine to ourselves here, that we see the most glorious procession upon which the sun ever shone, the glorious, the glorified Virgin Mary, three days after she had given up her soul into the hands

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of that king of glory, to whom she had given flesh, mounting up through the air with all incredible joy and triumph.

Hear the music, the applause, and acclamations of angels, astonished at so great and new a glory: *Who is this that ascends from the desert, full of delights, and leaning upon her beloved? Who is this* (say they to one another) *that ascends on high like the morning light, when it begins to shine, beautiful as the moon, chosen as the sun?* And thus she is received into the imperial heaven, to the joy of angels, and the hope of fallen man.

Oh! may we then so imitate her virtues, subdue our passions, and mortify our bodies here upon earth, that they may be raised at the last day, exalted and invested with glory; that we may be met by the angels as she was, and welcomed into the joys of heaven, with a *Come ye blessed, &c.*

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O most prudent Virgin, who entering into the heavenly palace, didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope, vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that free from all the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

V. THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY IN HEAVEN.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the glorious Virgin Mary, was with great jubilee and exul-

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tation of the whole court of heaven, and with particular glory of all the saints crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

†Let us imagine to ourselves here, that we see the solemnity of this heavenly coronation, that we see her blessed Son, circling her brows with an imperial crown, investing her sacred body with a most peculiar glory, and proclaiming her queen of all creatures.

See all the choirs of angels coming to pay their homage and obedience to her, casting down their crowns before her, and congratulating her as their queen and lady, rejoicing in so glorious a creature, who *like a river* (says St. Bernard) *rejoices and makes glad the whole city of God, with such an impetuous abundance of delights, that we, here upon earth, feel the dew that from thence comes down upon us.*

Oh! let us then leave off gazing upon trifles here below, and be always looking up to our eternal inheritance in heaven, where the Sun of Righteousness fills the place, and crowns his saints with glory.

Behold our queen has gone before us, and has been received with so great glory, that with confidence the servants follow their lady, and cry, saying: Draw us after you, that we may run in the odour of your ointments .. . that we may here run with joy the race that is set before us, in hopes of being crowned, of living and reigning with her in glory hereafter.

Our Father, &c.

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LET US PRAY.

O glorious queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee accept this Rosary which as a crown of roses we offer at thy feet; and grant most gracious lady, that by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned that it may never die in us until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

*Hail! holy queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope, to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears, turn, then, most gracious advocate thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, holy mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that meditating on these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Each part of the Rosary, when the whole is not said together, may be thus concluded with "*Hail, holy queen,*" &c.

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Ant. We fly to thy patronage, O holy mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O thou ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

LITANY OF OUR BLESSED LADY.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Mary, conceived without sin,
Holy mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother undefiled,
Mother inviolate,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
} Pray for us.

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Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comfortress of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of the most sacred rosary,
} Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the word, have mercy on us, O Lord.

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Ant. We fly to thy patronage, O sacred mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O thou ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, &c.

R. That we may be made, &c.

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace unto our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DE PROFUNDIS.

From the depths have I cried to thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou wilt observe iniquity, O Lord; Lord who shall stand it.

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of thy law have I expected thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

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Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine on them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

LET US PRAY.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the full remission of all their sins, that by means of pious supplications they may obtain that pardon of which they have been ever desirous, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

THE DEVOTION OF THE FIFTEEN SATURDAYS.

This devotion consists in making a promise to God to communicate fifteen Saturdays, or Sundays successively, in memory of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, to obtain through her intercession some particular favour. What is most admirable in this devotion is, that it possesses an extraordinary power in exciting the goodness of God in favour of those who practise it, because the author of all our happiness, giving himself to us in

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our communions, dispenses his gifts most liberally; likewise the merits of Jesus Christ, which are of infinite value; finally, the invocation of the Blessed Virgin, who being the mother of mercy and queen of heaven, can and will assist us in our necessities. The city of Toulouse affords illustrious testimonies of this truth, many have been there cured of grievous maladies, many sinners have been converted, the afflicted consoled, and several signal favours conferred by means of the fifteen Saturdays. When we desire to obtain any favour from God we should endeavour to perform this devotion; it is most efficacious, and if God sometimes should suspend the effect for a still greater benefit, the consolation of having made progress in virtue, and having acquired great merit, always remains to those who have practised it devoutly; sinners shall have found compunction, the just devotion, and the devout fervour.

The devotion is intended to make us imitate the virtues of Jesus Christ, and his blessed mother comprised in the fifteen mysteries; for that end we offer the fifteen communions since it is the particular virtue of this adorable sacrament to render us like our divine model, and the frequent communion to which this devotion engages us revives in some degree the spirit of the primitive age of the church, when the Christians communicated every day.

THE MANNER OF PERFORMING THE DEVOTION OF THE FIFTEEN SATURDAYS.

1st. We should, if possible, perform it in the church where the devotion of the Rosary has been

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established; for God takes pleasure in communicating his graces in certain places more abundantly than in others, witness St. Rose, who received many favours in the chapel of the Rosary, as she revealed to her confessor.

2ndly. The holy communion may be offered for fifteen Sundays, if inconvenient on Saturday.

3rdly. To gain our request we should be exact to perform all our actions well for the love of Jesus and Mary.

4thly. We should have a pure intention, and ask only what may be conformable to our salvation, and to Christian perfection.

5thly. If convenient we should recite the entire Rosary on the day of our communion, or offer some act of mortification.

6thly. It would be also very profitable to recommend this devotion to others.

The Blessed Virgin promised special favours to the order of Friar Preachers, if they would propagate the devotion of the Rosary: you shall participate in those privileges if you be zealous in recommending it.

7thly. We should perform this devotion at least once to ask the favour of living well, and of dying happily, or for the relief of the souls in purgatory.

8thly. Those who offer their communion but once in the week, and therefore continue their intention for fifteen weeks may reflect on the mysteries during the week, and may apply their prayers and good works for the same intention; by that means they will perform in the fifteen weeks what the church performs in a year; that is to say, they will commemorate all the principal mysteries of our religion.

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MANNER OF GOING TO COMMUNION IN HONOUR OF EACH MYSTERY OF THE ROSARY.

Before communion we must reflect on the mystery in honour of which we are to communicate, and make a quarter of an hour's meditation at least during the mass, and perform some act of adoration on the mystery we celebrate.

For example; O my Jesus, I adore your incarnation, with all my heart, in the virginal womb of your holy mother.

For the following communion I reverence the visitation of your holy mother.

For the third, O my amiable Jesus! I adore with the three kings your birth in the stable at Bethlehem.

Thus in the other communions, we adore the mystery that we celebrate.

After communion we should ask the favour we require, and hope to obtain it from God through the merits of those mysteries which Jesus has wrought; and through the intercession of the blessed Virgin.

Meditations in form of ejaculatory prayers before and after communion, corresponding to each mystery.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

It appears to me my good angel that you invite me to communion, and that you address to me the same words which the angel Gabriel said to the holy Virgin before she conceived the Son of God.

"Fear not."

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Courage the sacrament of penance, which you have just received, has restored you to grace, approach them with love.

I answer with the holy Virgin, Behold the most unworthy, and the most miserable creature in the world, who is going to be united to you, my adorable Saviour. Grant that I may never be separated from you.

I am going to receive you. I am thine entirely, both for time and eternity.

AFTER COMMUNION.

My God; I adore you with the same sentiments of humility, gratitude, and love, with which the holy Virgin adored you when she conceived you in her chaste womb.

Possess my heart entirely as you did that of your holy mother.

My God replenish my understanding and my will with yourself, in order that I may love nothing more but you alone. Amen.

PRAYER TO ASK THE FAVOUR.

O my sweet Saviour, I conjure you for the love you have always shown me in this mystery, in honour of which I have made the present communion to grant me the favour or grace I request, if it be necessary for my salvation or greater good.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

O glorious Virgin, queen of the holy rosary, most worthy mother of God.

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I conjure you by all the graces you have received from the Father, Son, and from the Holy Ghost, as daughter of the Father, mother of the Son, and spouse of the holy Ghost, and through the merits of this mystery, in honour of which I have communicated, to grant me the favour of interceding for me, and of obtaining for me by your intercession and great influence with the divine Majesty, these requests.

We should perform all the communions of the fifteen Saturdays in the same manner.

As the imitation of Jesus and Mary is the most excellent honour and worship we can render to them.

Let us consider this day the humility of Jesus and Mary, of the Son, and of the Mother; the Son, by taking a body and soul to suffer; the Mother, by calling herself the handmaid of the Lord, although chosen to be the mother of God.

VIRTUE—HUMILITY—PRACTICE.

In their imitation humble yourself interiorly, take the lowest place everywhere; speak in a low tone of voice, acknowledge your faults, even to your inferiors; honour the saints who have excelled in this virtue, as St. Thomas of Aquin, who was never attacked by pride; and St. Francis, who was called the humble of heaven.

EXAMPLES.

St. Thomas of Aquin, the angelic doctor of the order of friar preachers, although girded with the cincture of chastity by angels, and nobly descended,

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was nevertheless so humble, that he never felt any sting of pride during his life, he often asked of God that he might never have any office in religion, and he refused the archbishopric of Naples. The humility of Pope Benedict XI., of friar peachers, is not less remarkable; he received the cardinal's hat with a torrent of tears, and would not accept of the purple until commanded by the pope; and after having been raised to the papal chair, he would only see or acknowledge his mother under poor clothes, saying his mother was a poor woman, and should be poorly dressed.

The humility of blessed Margaret, daughter of the king of Hungary, of the order of St. Dominic, appeared extraordinary, she could not bear that any one should speak to her after her high birth; she blushed at the name of princess: she said with sighs, that God would have favoured her much more had she been the daughter of a peasant rather than a sovereign. She fled from the parlour in order to avoid the honour that was rendered to her.

SECOND MYSTERY.

THE VISITATION OF OUR BLESSED LADY BEFORE COMMUNION.

O my adorable Saviour, I adore you concealed in the chaste womb of your holy mother. Your holy presence, sanctified and purified from original sin, the little baptist. May the adorable sacrament I am going to receive, and which the priest is going to put into my mouth, cleanse me from all my sins.

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O may I say with St. Elizabeth: whence comes this happiness, that my God should come to visit me and replenish me with his graces, I who am so great and so miserable a sinner.

AFTER COMMUNION.

My sweet Jesus! your holy presence, and that of your holy mother filled the house of Zachary and of St. Elizabeth, with a thousand graces; grant the same favours to my soul; since by your great mercy and infinite goodness, I possess you in the centre of my heart, and in the midst of my soul, grant me the favour I ask of you through the intercession of your holy mother, with whom I say to you, *My soul doth magnify the Lord.*

Here recite the prayer to obtain your request.

O my sweet Saviour, consider this day the charity of the holy Virgin in visiting her cousin St. Elizabeth, to procure the life of life of grace for St. John Baptist, by the presence of her divine Son, whom she bore in her chaste womb.

VIRTUE—CHARITY.

PRACTICE.—In her imitation visit the sick, speak of God during recreation, visit the souls in purgatory, by some good work, such as the Rosary to be said for them, to which there is a plenary indulgence annexed, and the deliveranee of a soul from purgatory.

EXAMPLES.

St. Ambrose of Sienna, of the order of friar preachers, very much devoted to the holy name of

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Jesus, and to the holy Rosary, was so charitable to the poor, that he merited to receive five angels disguised as pilgrims, so compassionate to the souls in purgatory, that he prayed incessantly for them. The charity of blessed Honoria, of the third order of St. Dominic, virgin and martyr, was very great, she employed all her wealth in maintaining the confessors of Jesus Christ in the prisons of Spain. A heretic opened her side with a scythe, and having put her to death she was afterwards found like an angel, with her hands joined, and her countenance raised towards heaven.

The charity of the blessed Venturine, of the order of friar preachers, appeared in the miracle that was wrought by God, who changed the bread that he was carrying to the poor into fruit, in order to appease the anger of his father.

THIRD MYSTERY.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD.

O holy Virgin, you sought in Bethlehem a lodging to bring forth your Son, and you could only find a stable, and you seek also this day holy souls, who ought to be worthy habitations of your adorable Son, receive my heart, which has only been a miserable stable, and a profane crib, but which wishes to be henceforward a sacred sanctuary, and a flourishing residence of the adorable Trinity; I wish to be the residence of the Father, the dwelling of the Son, and the habitation of the Holy Ghost.

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AFTER COMMUNION.

O adorable Jesus! since my breast has become the royal palace of your divine Majesty, I adore you therein with the same sentiments of devotion and faith, with which your holy mother, the angels, the kings, and shepherds adored you in the stable of Bethlehem; grant that I may not be another Herod, and that I may not oblige you to leave the centre of my heart, as this unhappy prince who forced you to fly into Egypt, and deprived Judea of your sweet and amiable presence; my God grant me the grace never to offend you mortally.

VIRTUE—POVERTY.

PRACTICE.—Wear plain clothes, and use simple food, bear the want of something necessary, deprive yourself of some indulgence.

EXAMPLES.

Blessed Albert, the great master of the angelic doctor, St. Thomas, practised poverty in a high degree; he never carried his writings from one convent to another; never left a margin, and pasted small pieces of paper together.

The blessed Margaret Chateau, of the third order of St. Dominic, to whom Clement X. has appointed an office, was so poor that having lost her sight in her infancy, she was abandoned by her parents, with an unheard of cruelty. God took care of her, and inspired her with a great affection for the order of St. Dominic, and disposed her for it by an abundance of graces and lights. They found in her heart three

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stones, on which were engraven three images; on one the infant Jesus, on a second the holy Virgin, and on the third the image of St. Joseph, which proved her devotion for these holy and sacred persons.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

The purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, O Divine Messiah, you who consoled the holy Simeon by your divine presence before his death; holding him in your arms, he says that he dies content, and only sighs after you, O adorable Jesus. My happiness is much greater, instead of waiting for you as this old man, it is you that wait for me on our altars to give yourself as food to this poor lukewarm sinner, so little desirous of this divine nourishment.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O my God, if this holy old man bore you in his arms and pressed you to his heart; I receive you in my mouth, I keep you in my bosom, I salute you in my heart, I adore you there; burn and purify it by the loving flame of your love, that I may only live for you, and in you, in order that I may be able to say with this just man, "Now, O Lord, thou dost dismiss thy servant," &c. &c. Ah how contentedly I go away, hoping that you will grant me by the intercession of your holy mother the graces I ask for. Then the prayer is said as before, addressing yourself to God.

O my sweet Saviour, &c.

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Consider this day the purity of the holy Virgin; she purifies herself, who is more pure than the angels and the saints of heaven; she submits to the law of purification, not being obliged to it, since she had conceived by the Holy Ghost.

VIRTUE—PURITY.

PRACTICE.—Purify yourself more and more, advance always in good, perform works of superogation, never deviate from modesty in dress; mortify the sight, be modest in your words, never commit any voluntary imperfection, impose penance on yourself for the smallest failing.

EXAMPLE.

St. James Soloman, of Venice, was so pure and innocent that the angels conversed familiarly with him: he once saw a dove alighting on his shoulder, a proof of his candour and simplicity.

The blessed Dominic, of Paradise, of the order of friar preachers, was so pure and modest that she only made use of her eyes in order to read, and had it established as an inviolable rule in her monastery at Florence, never to allow the religious to go to the parlour, not even to their fathers and mothers.

FIFTH MYSTERY.

THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O my God, what consolation can a soul have who has lost thee, or rather what heart-rending and af-

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fliction ought it not feel for having offended you. Grant that I may seek you with your holy mother everywhere, that I may never leave you. I find you on our altars, I see you in the hands of the priest, who is going to place you on my tongue, as on a throne or pulpit, from which you will pronounce your oracles, and intimate to me your holy will.

AFTER COMMUNION.

My God! I say with your spouse I hold him whom I have so often lost; I possess him whom I have sought, and I will never let him go, I will never lose him, I will always keep him, nothing will be capable of separating me from him; neither hunger, nor thirst, heat, nor cold, torments, nor hell, paradise, nor life, nor death, shall be capable with your divine grace of separating me from your holy will.

O, holy Virgin, obtain for me the grace to find everywhere and in all things my adorable Jesus, and never to lose him. Here mention your request.

O my sweet Saviour, &c.

Consider this day the obedience of Jesus to the orders of his eternal Father, and to those of his blessed mother, and his reputed father, St. Joseph, he preached in the temple at the age of twelve years, to the admiration of the doctors, and quits this office to obey the orders of his eternal father, and of his parents.

VIRTUE—OBEDIENCE.

PRACTICE.—Obey blindly your superiors and inferiors in everything that is not contrary to the law of

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God; listen to the inspirations of the Holy Ghost; prompt obedience to the first stroke of the bell, at the least sign, particularly in the morning, be exact in giving your first thoughts to God, doing everything through obedience, and never from your own will, and you shall never be deceived by the devil, nor fall into temptation.

EXAMPLES.

The virtuous Nicholas, of Holland, of the third order of St. Dominic, gave a proof of his obedience and simplicity, when not being able to catch fish for the religious, the superior sent him to the pond and told him to command the fishes to come to the brink, in order that he might take them, which he immediately did.

The blessed Anne, of Jesus, of the order of St. Dominic, received three advices from heaven, the first was to take great care of the engagements, and of the holiness of the state she was going to embrace, for after her profession all her actions were no longer her own but God's, to whom she was going to consecrate herself; the second amongst all the observances of her order, she should be particularly attached to silence, because God who is so extremely jealous of it that he will make those render an exact account, and will punish those severely who have violated this law; thirdly, that she should practice prompt obedience. She never performed any trifling action without an express permission.

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FIRST MYSTERY—SECOND PART.

THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY.

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOUR IN THE GARDEN.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

My sweet Jesus! what difference there is between the chalice that was offered to you in the garden of Olives, and that which you offer me at your holy table; in the former was contained the bitterness of my sins, which horrified you, and in this is your precious blood, which you give me to drink; this is the living water of paradise, the delicious wine which rejoices the saints, the joy which inebriates the blessed. It was a great happiness for the brothers of Joseph to eat at his table and to drink out of his cup; my happiness is still greater in partaking of the food of angels, and in drinking your precious blood in this communion.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, sweet Jesus! as you submitted to drink the chalice of your passion for love of me, grant that this chalice, of which I have just partaken, and this adorable blood which inebriates my soul, may operate in me resignation and strength to drink the chalice of the most bitter cross, and the most sorrowful sufferings. I accept, Eternal Father, the decree that you have given against a miserable criminal for his sanctification. I accept my eternity, and the means that you have ordained, with all the crosses and sufferings it may please you to send me, according to your good pleasure.

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Consider to day the resignation of Jesus in drinking the chalice of his bitter passion for love of us; he prayed for three hours prostrate on the ground, and shed blood and water, and was sorrowful even unto death.

VIRTUE—RESIGNATION.

Practice mental prayer, and if possible make it longer than usual, suffer generously all aridities and dryness, for the love of Jesus Christ, and resign yourself entirely to the will of God; make a retreat, or at least observe silence during part of the day, and speak only from great necessity.

EXAMPLE.

The resignation of blessed Stephana, of Souciano, of the third order of St. Dominic, should serve us as a great example for the practice of this virtue; she was conducted by her angel in an ecstacy among the seraphim, and several souls in the heavenly Jerusalem, whom she had known on earth; she asked their angels what virtue raised them to so high a degree of glory, and was told it was the great conformity and perfect union of their will to that of God; she was often visited by saints, and particularly that ardent lover of Jesus, St. Paul, who was given her as a guide in the paths of divine love. Let us love God perfectly, for love easily reconciles us to all.

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SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY.

THE SCOURGING OF OUR LORD AT THE PILLAR.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, sweet Jesus! who wert innocence itself, but wert treated as a criminal, shamefully stripped of your garments, bound fast to a pillar, and scourged, in Pilate's house, they were my sins that bound and treated you so inhumanly, I detest them with all my heart; may that adorable blood which was poured out in the court of Pilate strengthen my soul in this communion, so that nothing may ever be capable of separating me from you, neither human respect, nor deceitful pleasures, nor the most cruel tortures.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, sweet Lamb! you have been surrounded by cruel wolves, by inhuman creatures, who tore you with innumerable stripes; since I have the happiness of possessing you now in my heart, inflame it so with your divine charity, so that I may give you as many proofs of affection as you have received scourges and affronts in Pilate's house: and if your afflicted mother saw you so cruelly treated by those executioners, may she be pleased and rejoiced at seeing you king of my heart, and of all those who have received you in this divine sacrament.

Consider this day the patience of Jesus in suffering a shower of scourges without saying one word.

VIRTUE—PATIENCE.

PRACTICE.—Suffer spiritual and corporal trials without complaining or murmuring, not to excuse

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yourself when accused, take the discipline, or impose some other penance in honour of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

EXAMPLE.

The patience of blessed Magdalen, of Loica, of the third order of St. Dominic, was manifested on a very trying occasion, wherein Jesus Christ fortified her, by appearing to her in the sorrowful condition in which he was conducted before Caiphas. She regulated her life by four maxims; 1st, to abandon herself to Almighty God's providence; 2nd, never to offend him willingly; 3rd, to suffer all for his love; 4th, to perform all her actions well.

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY.

THE CROWNING OF OUR SAVIOUR WITH THORNS.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

My sweet Jesus, when I hear the words issue from the mouth of the priest, when he presents me your adorable body, and when he says *ecce*, I think I hear that *ecce homo* of Pilate to the people; you are the same who have been crowned with thorns, and treated with contempt as a mock king; I acknowledge you as the king of glory, under that garb of confusion, and under the sacramental species. My God give me grace to love contempt, confusion, and a perfect dislike for the grandeurs of the world, as well as for its pleasures.

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AFTER COMMUNION.

My sweet Saviour, you are that burning bush which Moses saw without being consumed; preserve me continually in the verdure of your grace, and never permit the heat of sin to diminish it in me. Your crown of thorns teaches me that the kingdom of heaven is acquired only by labour and sufferings; give me grace, O my God, to bear the crown of thorns in this world, that so I may one day wear a crown of glory in the other, and the favour for which I petition.

Consider this day the love our Saviour felt for contempt, he loved humiliations and opprobriums, even to bear on his head a crown of torment and confusion.

VIRTUE—LOVE OF CONTEMPT.

PRACTICE.—Love contempt, confusion, and humiliation, never justify nor excuse yourself, conceal the favours and gifts of God, never speak to your own advantage, abhor human respect, overcome yourself in something, perform some humiliating occupation.

EXAMPLE.

The love of contempt was manifested in blessed sister Lucy, the chaste, of the third order of St. Dominic; she pulled out her eyes to avoid the attention of a person who admired her; he was so moved by this spectacle that he became a religious, and God gave other miraculous eyes to that holy person, in reward of that heroic act, which required a great love

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for contempt; for there are few persons who practice to the letter that precept of the Gospel, of plucking out the eye which scandalizes, at the risk of becoming blind.

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY.

OUR SAVIOUR CARRIES HIS CROSS.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, amiable Saviour! I wish to follow you to Calvary with the women of Jerusalem, to lament with them at seeing you loaded with the heavy burden o the cross, but the weight of my sins was much more grievous. In entering my heart by the holy communion imprint your cross therein, engrave it deeply in my mind, and render it desirous of your sufferings.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, my God! have I not reason to regard my heart as a Calvary; how often have you found in it the heavy and painful cross of my sins and innumerable infidelities? how often have I there crucified and put you to death by resisting your holy inspirations, by my irregularities, by my self-love and perversities? but since you have granted me the grace of receiving you this day in the holy communion do not permit that my heart should ever again become a Calvary, an ungrateful, barren, unfruitful soil, or a place of punishment, of horror, and of abomination; change it into a land of promise, into a mountain of gold, fruitful in all sorts of good works, and inflamed with love for your holy maxims.

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O, my sweet Saviour, &c. &c., and the prayer to the blessed Virgin.

Consider this day the fortitude of Jesus in carrying his cross to Calvary on which he was to die.

PRACTICE.—Support generously all persecutions without complaining, bear illness, and every thing painful, without murmuring; make use of instruments of penance with permission from your superior.

EXAMPLE.

The fortitude of Jesus appeared in the person of Louis Nitochy, martyr, of the third order of St. Dominic. The tyrant sent sent for his four children, whom he exposed to the view of the father, declaring that if he did not adore his idols they should be immediately cast into the fire; he preferred seeing his children sacrificed to Jesus Christ in the flames, than to have them live as idolators.

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, admirable Saviour, you are this grain of wheat which constitutes our bread, to give us life, grace, and glory, which we have lost by sin. You were sown and placed in the earth by your incarnation; you proceeded from the earth by your birth; you grew up as a stem during the course of your life, and you were cut down in your dolorous passion, immolated on the cross by the fire of your love, and and now you are served up under the form of the

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eucharistical bread. O bread of angels and of the children of God! I partake of you with the desire and cordial love suitable to the true faithful!

O, mother of sorrows, beloved disciple, who were at the foot of the cross, dispose my heart for the reception of this adorable Jesus, whom I am going to receive in this present communion.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, sweet Jesus, who art descended from the cross, after death, in order to repose in the bosom of your holy mother, grant that my heart may be a bed of repose for your divine Majesty, at the moment wherein I receive you in this adorable sacrament. O, sweet Saviour, what did you effect on your cross in the midst of so many torments? It appears to me that you reply that you thought of me, that you combated generously for me, that you overcame and triumphed, that you conquered paradise for me, but now what are you come to do in my heart? I think I hear you say that you wish to be all mine, and that I ought to be all yours, that I ought to die for love of you, to all that is not you, in order that I may live for you alone.

Consider this day the love Jesus showed for his enemies, praying for them, and excusing them to his Father.

VIRTUE—LOVE OUR ENEMIES.

For the love of Jesus perform some act of kindness for those who injure, pray for them, imitate in some manner the heroic act of the baroness of Navil-

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lette, who gave three hundred pounds to have three hundred masses said for an adverse party who ruined her in a law suit.

EXAMPLE.

The love of enemies was very much practised by blessed Jane d'Orviette, of the third order of St. Dominic (who had the use of reason at the age of three or four years), it was a common proverb in the city, that in order to have her prayers, they must be guilty of some injuries towards her.

FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY.

THE RESURRECTION.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

Jesus triumphant, and victorious over death, the devil, hell, and sin, you are the joy of the angels and saints, particularly of your holy mother, and of those holy women who sought you in the sepulchre, and who were consoled by the angel, who told them that you were risen. A soul which has risen from sin to grace, is no longer what it was before; it is no longer that soul who only nourished on the onions of Egypt, that is to say sin. It wishes to be nourished with the bread of angels, and of your adorable and precious flesh, by means of this adorable body, that I am going to receive with all the respect possible of a truly faithful soul.

AFTER COMMUNION.

My God, what joy did your holy mother feel at

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your resurrection! What consolation should I not feel at seeing my Saviour risen, triumphant and glorious, in my heart, by the present communion! If it were a new subject of consolation for the apostles to learn that Jesus, their Master, was risen; if they were transported with joy, every time he appeared to them, and every time he spoke to them! "Peace be with you." What ought to be my joy, now that I embrace in my bosom and in my heart, you who are the peace of my heart, its contentment, its love, and its all.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE FAVOUR.

O, my sweet Saviour, I conjure you for the love you have always shown me in this mystery, in honour of which I have made the present communion, to grant me the favour or grace I request, if it be necessary for my salvation, or greater good.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

O, glorious queen of the holy Rosary! most worthy mother of God, I conjure you by all the graces you have received from the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, as daughter of the Father, mother of the Son, and spouse of the Holy Ghost, and through the merits of this mystery, in honour of which I have communicated, to grant me the favour of interceding, and of obtaining for me, by your intercession, and great influence with the divine Majesty, these graces.

Consider this day the triumph of Jesus over death, his resurrection to die no more; he has destroyed

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the empire of death and sin; he appeared from time to time to his disciples, and instructed them how to govern his Church.

VIRTUE—FAITH.

PRACTICE.—Believe and hope that we shall one day rise again; expecting that time we must triumph over sin, correct ourselves of every voluntary imperfection, never commit any with deliberation, endeavour every day to overcome our predominate passion, to make the particular examen on that subject.

EXAMPLE.

Faith appeared resplendent in the blessed Virgin, who alone preserved it during the time of the passion of her divine Son, all the apostles wavered, Magdalen testified great fervour, remaining at the sepulchre of her Saviour; for which she merited to see him first after his resurrection.

St. Peter the martyr, of the order of preachers, that great champion of the faith, shed his blood in its defence; he wrote with his finger the creed with the blood that came from his wound.

St. Catherine of Sienna was favoured with stigmas, like those of her spouse, Jesus Christ. She had a lively faith, especially in the holy Sacrament, which was her only support, both corporally and spiritually, for eighty days; she experienced the same strength when she saw a priest who had consecrated that day, or when she could even adore her God in the tabernacle, so great was her faith she

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kissed the footsteps of the priests who had celebrated the divine mysteries.

SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY.

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST INTO HEAVEN.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, glorious Conqueror of souls! you quit the earth, and bring with you into heaven the souls of the saints who were in Limbo. You wish that we should leave the earth, that we should desire only heaven, and think but of you, who are like another Elias, directing your course not towards the Mount of Horeb, but to Paradise. Grant that your adorable body that I am going to receive may be to me a celestial bread and divine food, which will enable me to arrive at the glory you have prepared for me in heaven.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, sweet Jesus! you have found the secret when about to leave us of remaining with us until the consummation of ages, by means of the miraculous eucharist, which I have just received. Grant that I may never lose sight of you, that I may always feel your sensible presence in my heart. The angels told your apostles, who were looking at you ascending to heaven, that you would return in the same manner. O Lord! grant that it may be to confer your graces and glory on us, and to make us reign with you during a happy eternity. Amen.

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VIRTUE—HOPE.

PRACTICE.—Hope through the mercy of God to gain heaven one day; believe that his goodness far exceeds our malice, and that he confers a great favour on us when he gives us superiors and directors who reprove us, and tells us our faults and defects.

EXAMPLE.

The virtue of hope has been eminently practised by St. Rose, of the third order of St. Dominic, she suffered during fourteen years great spiritual dryness, dereliction, and fears for her salvation. Jesus Christ, her spouse, dissipated her fears and apprehensions, and gave her, in the following words, great hope and confidence—My child, I condemn no one to hell but those who wish to go there themselves.

The same divine virtue displayed itself in the persecutions, which were opposed to the vocation of blessed Jane, Infanta of Portugal, of the third order of St. Dominic; during eight years she was obliged to resist the importunities of her relations, who wished to divert her from her pious design; but the love of God, and her great confidence in him, rendered her victorious. She sanctified herself by three means: 1st, By a book she always carried about her in which she wrote her thoughts, words, and actions, to give an account of them to her director; 2nd, By silence, prayer, and spiritual reading; 3rd, By humility.

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THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY.

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, King of glory, you have sent your Holy Spirit to your apostles, grant that we may receive the same with your adorable body in the present communion; purify our hearts as you did those of your apostles, in order to render them worthy of that divine comforter. Diffuse your gifts on hearts of good will, who only wish to believe in you, and to love but you alone.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, sweet Saviour! having received you in the present communion, I have also received your holy spirit; you never go without him; you are as inseparable from that adorable person as from your eternal Father, who desires pure and holy intentions from this poor sinner.

May the Holy Spirit, the source of holy affections, who changes hearts into seraphs of love, into apostles of virtue, and into models of sanctity, make my heart, O Lord, what you require, for without you I can do nothing, but with you every thing becomes easy.

Consider to-day our Saviour Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of his Father, sending his Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire on the hearts of his disciples, assembled in prayer.

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VIRTUE—ZEAL FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS.

PRACTICE.—Labour according to your capacity for the salvation of your neighbour, apply your prayers and acts of penance for the conversion of sinners, and instruct the ignorant.

EXAMPLES.

Holy zeal was admirable in the person of St. Dominic, who founded his order solely for the salvation of souls. He was replenished with the spirit of the apostles, the first fathers of the order of preachers, visibly received the Holy Ghost, as they were chaunting the Veni Creator on the feast of Pentecost. Zeal made those holy religious scruple to take their reflection till after they had preached or given instructions, were it only to one person.

FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, sweet Saviour, who attract all to you, as you have expressed it.

"When I shall be elevated from the earth I shall draw all things to me." Now that you are elevated on your throne of glory, replenish us with the ardent desire of enjoying you, with which your holy mother was inflamed to the last moment of her life; soften our obdurate hearts (especially mine) when about to approach your holy table, and to receive you in this divine sacrament.

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Grant me so great a desire of possessing you in your kingdom, that life may be to me an exercise of patience, and death my peace.

AFTER COMMUNION.

O, source of love! why am I not now all love? why can I not die of love now that I possess you, and have you in my heart? Your holy mother died of love, the martyrs have died for your love, and the faithful Christians die in your love. My amiable Jesus, give me grace to live and die for you alone; may every moment of my life be so many acts of love. O, mother of love, obtain for me the love of God and my neighbour, also that of my enemies, with the grace of N.

Consider to-day, the most worthy mother of God, surrounded by the disciples of her Son, who were miraculously present at her death, in order that they might receive her benediction; she ascends with triumph, accompanied by all the celestial court.

VIRTUE—DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

PRACTICE.—Honour our blessed Lady with all the devotions that are agreeable to her. Recite her Rosary every day, or at least once in the week; wear her scapular. Perform the fifteen Saturdays. Ask final perseverance through her intercession.

EXAMPLE.

Devotion to the blessed Virgin is displayed in the order of friar preachers, for in it they recite her

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office every day; the Rosary which was given to St. Dominic, is practised, recommended, and established by the religions of the order of preachers, in places where they reside.

FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY.

THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND SAINTS.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

O, King of glory! you have united your holy mother to the possession of your eternal kingdom, and have established her queen of heaven, and of earth, of angels, and of men. You called her to your kingdom—*Veni Corronabius, come.* You said to her to be crowned, *Positusque est thronus mater regis quæ sedit ad dexteram ejus.* And near to your throne you placed hers, where she sits at your right hand; you have called us all to the possession of the glory; you have promised us, and the gift that you make us of your adorable body in the blessed eucharist is a pledge of it. The divine mysteries, to the participation of which you invite us, are for us the pledges of eternal life, provided we participate with your holy dispositions.

Give me these holy dispositions, dear Lord, in order that I may worthily receive you in this present communion, and that I may profit of these great favours.

AFTER COMMUNION.

Oh, divine Majesty! if you have drawn to your-

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self your holy mother to crown her, in the sojourn of your glory, she was worthy of it; you have separated her from the corrupted mass. She was full of grace, but I a miserable sinner; how have you deined to raise me towards you, and nourished me with your adorable body; I feel all my unworthiness, and how much I require you to supply my insufficiency by your goodness, since you have been pleased to come and establish your permanent dwelling in my heart; never permit me to drive you from it by my sins: grant that the holy communion I have just made may be for me the seal of eternal life, and the pledge of a glorious resurrection. I firmly hope, O my God, in your infinite mercy, and that you will grant me all the graces I require for the future. But particularly those I here petition for (N them) prayers to obtain the favour, page .

Consider that the blessed Virgin being arrived at the abode of glory, was proclaimed queen of heaven and earth, and crowned by the most holy, and most adorable Trinity.

VIRTUE—PERSEVERANCE.

PRACTICE.—Live in the grace and love of God, and in the charity of Jesus Christ, and we shall die as we have lived, never to remain an hour in mortal sin; be devout to the patrons of the agonizing, as St. Joseph, St. Barbara, St. Ursula, St. Catherine, who, at her martyrdom, heard this promise from Heaven, that those who invoked her should be saved.

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EXAMPLE.

Perseverance alone merits a crown, those only are crowned in heaven who persevere in virtue until death. The blessed Virgin promised St. Dominic, that those who persevere in practising her Rosary shall be crowned by her in heaven.

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THE LITTLE OFFICE

OF OUR

HOLY FATHER SAINT DOMINIC.

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EXTRACT FROM THE LIFE OF SAINT DOMINIC.

SAINT Dominic was born in old Castile, in the year 1170, and was chosen by God to diffuse the light of the Gospel throughout the world. He was possessed of such great simplicity of manners, and wonderful degree of divine fervour, that one immediately perceived that he was a vessel of election and grace, to which no ornament was wanted. Nothing disturbed the equality of his soul, except compassion and mercy; and because a contented mind appears on the countenance of man, one could easily know by the goodness and cheerfulness of his features what must have been his interior serenity, which the least movement of anger never obscured. He was firm in his designs, and seldom did it occur that he changed a word he said, after having reflected on it in the presence of God. There was an amiable and sweet at-

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traction about him which quickly gained all hearts; scarcely could one see him without being prepossessed in his favour. Wherever he was, whether travelling with his companions, or in a strange house with his host and family, whether with princes or prelates he abounded in conversation and examples that excited the love of God, and contempt of the world. He everywhere showed himself the apostle by word and action. During the day no one could be more agreeable or easy of access with his brothers or companions; during the night no one could equal him in prayer and watching. He reserved tears for night and joy for morning, he gave the day to his neighbour, and the night to God, knowing that God has consecrated the day to mercy, the night to thanksgiving. Tears were his food at all times, especially when he offered the Holy Sacrifice. It was customary with him to pass the time of repose in the church. He prayed and watched in the dark as much as the frailty of his body permitted, and when overcome by nature he slept a little before the altar, or in some other place, his head resting on a stone, like the patriach Jacob. He embraced all men in the bosom of charity, and as he loved all he was beloved by all. There was one thing that rendered him particularly amiable, it was the simplicity of his conduct, wherein there never appeared the shadow of deceit or disguise.

A lover of poverty, he was always clad in the meanest habits, and if he perceived any of the brothers negligent in his mannner, he with charity reminded him of it.

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Saint Dominic is said to have possessed the boldest genius, and the most tender heart, qualities which are scarcely ever possessed in the same degree together. He expressed the one by an exterior life of extraordinary activity, the other by an interior life, every breath of which may be said to have been an act of the love of God, and of charity towards men. One day, as he was praying in St. Peter's, he had a vision of the two apostles, Peter and Paul, the former presented to him a staff, the latter a book, and he heard at the same time a voice which said to him—"*Go and preach, for it is for that you have been elected.*" He was particularly successful in opposing the errors of the Albigenses, who at that time afflicted the church by their impieties, whilst they desolated the South of France by their seditions. This great servant of God was untiring in his efforts to promote religion, and his preaching was confirmed by the sanctity of his life, and the multitude of miracles by which God attested the truth of the doctrine he announced.

Devotion to Mary was, as he himself testifies, the principal weapon of which he made use in this holy warfare with error. Before beginning to preach he always knelt down and invoked the assistance of Mary in these words: "Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin, and give me strength against thine enemies." Although the zeal of the holy man was not without fruit, as many were converted to the true faith, the result did not correspond with his expectations. Many sinners and heretics remained obstinate in their errors, and closed their ears to the

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words of truth. Dominic was afflicted at their obstinacy, but was comforted by a vision which he had of the Blessed Virgin, on the feast of the Annunciation, in the year 1202, when she taught and recommended to him the Rosary, giving him at the same time to understand, that as the angelical salutation was the means employed by God to prepare her for the incarnation of his Son; so the devotion of the Rosary, in which that prayer is so frequently repeated, would be the best means of confirming men in its belief. This advice filled Dominic with the greatest consolation. Instead of wearying himself with long and tedious controversies, as had been his custom, he recommended the Rosary to the people in his public discourses; he expounded to them the various mysteries it commemorates, and taught them both by word and example, in what manner they should perform this devotion. He soon saw that more souls were gained to God by this simple means than by all his other exertions. It gave strength and unction to his discourses, it moved the hearts of the most obdurate sinners, and brought innumerable sectaries back to the church. With reason, then, is this prayer so strongly recommended to us. In order to promote its adoption among the faithful the church imparts many indulgences, and other spiritual advantages to those who practice it with piety and exactness. If we have any care for our salvation, or the conversion of our brethren we should have recourse to it; and accompany the recital of the prayers with reflection on the mysteries of the life, death, and resurrection of our Saviour, which they are intended

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to commemorate. The faithful practice of this devotion will be an efficacious means of recommending us to the protection of the Holy Virgin, who will obtain for us as she did for her zealous servant, Saint Dominic, counsel in our doubts, relief in our difficulties, the gift of holy love, and final perseverance.

In his last moments one of the brothers said to him—"Holy father you know the sorrow and desolation in which you leave us; remember us when you are before the Lord." Then the saint raising his hands and eyes to heaven made this prayer—"*Holy Father, I have accomplished your will, watched over and protected those whom you have given to me; now I recommend them to you, preserve and guard them.*" He expired at twelve o'clock, at noon, on Friday, August 6th, 1221.

To our humble admiration of the bounteous liberality of God, so wonderfully displayed in favour of this great saint, let us unite most lively thanks to our divine Redeemer, who has given us such a master, and earnestly beg a share in those virtues of which his entire life was so striking an example. Let us entreat of the Father of mercies, that aided by that spirit which governs the children of God, and walking in the footsteps of our ancestors, we may securely arrive at that eternal country where the blessed Dominic has preceded us. Amen.

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THE LITTLE OFFICE,

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MATINS.

V. O, good Jesus! through the prayers of Saint Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. O Lord, thou wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall declare thy praise.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, one God, world without end. Amen. *Alleluia.*

INVITATORY.—The Lord, the king of confessors, come let us adore.

PSALM XCIV.

Come let us adore the Lord with joy: let us joyfully sing to God, our Saviour. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

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R. The Lord, the king of confessors, come let us adore.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. Come let us adore.

HYMN.

O sacred spouse of Christ rejoice,
O mother raise thy glorious voice,
Remembering Dominic's brilliant days,
And grateful sound the notes of praise.

Behold thy white rob'd children shine,
Like stars around the throne divine,
Then sacred spouse of Christ rejoice,
And mother raise thy gladsome voice.

And high amid the that heavenly choir,
Behold their *leader*, *founder*, *sire*,
Exults, and like a blazing star
Illumes this darkling world afar.

To God, the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

PSALM I.

Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,* nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the chair of pestilence.

But his will is the law of the Lord;* and on his law he shall meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree which is planted near

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the running water,* which shall bring forth its fruit in due season.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANTIPHON.—Watching all night long with Christ he possessed not whereon to lay his head, after floods of tears, scarcely granting to his wasted frame repose upon the bare ground.

V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

R. He put on him a stole of glory.

Our Father, &c.

BENEDICTION.—With pious prayers may our blessed Father Dominic intercede for us.

R. Amen.

LESSON I.

O, good father, blessed Dominic, O illustrious leader, our beloved father, forget not thine own work, but hearken to our prayers in the day that we invoke thee, because thou art a tender, a loving father; deliver us from all our enemies visible and invisible. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Thou wert a stranger, a soldier of Christ, a pattern of virtues; thy words enlightened the world, whilst thyself didst long to be transferred to a better. Fragrant odours arise, the heavenly hosts sing hymns of joyful praise.

V. O, venerable teacher, open the gates of the heavenly kingdom to thy children.

R. Fragrant odours, &c.

BLESSING.—In all anguish and tribulation may our good father Dominic help us.

R. Amen.

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LESSON II.

O, most tender and holy father Dominic, arise and walk in the footsteps of thy Saviour; reconcile us who have sinned against heaven, and in the eyes of our Creator to Christ, and by thy pious and holy prayers obtain for us pardon of our sins, rest for our souls, and the joys of heaven. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Angelic choirs greet thee, ascending from the vale of this slippery world: Good Jesus, by the prayers of St. Dominic, may we find favour in thy sight.

V. By whom thou hast raised many dead to life, pardon us the debts due to our sins.

R. Good Jesus, &c.

BLESSING.—May the blessed St. Dominic, the founder and the father of the order of preachers, bring us to the society of the heavenly citizens.

R. Amen.

LESSON III.

O most sweet father St. Dominic, have compassion on the afflicted, look down with pity from heaven on us poor exiles and pilgrims in a foreign land: despise not our humble prayers, but deliver us from all dangers, and by thy holy intercession, transfer us to the kingdom of peace and security. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

R. O admirable hope, which, in the hour of thy death, thou didst bestow upon thy weeping brethren: promising that after death, thou wouldst assist

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thy children. O father, fulfil thy word, and help us by thy prayers.

V. Thou who didst shine illustrious by reason of so many signs and wonders, wrought on the bodies of the sick: by the grace of Jesus Christ, cure our languid souls.

R. O father, fulfil, &c.

V. Glory be to the father, &c.

R. O father, fulfil thy word, and help us by thy prayers.

TE DEUM.

We praise thee, O God: we confess thee Lord.

Thee, the eternal Father, all the earth doth worship.

To thee all the angels; to thee the heavens and all the powers.

To thee the cherubim and seraphim cry out, without ceasing.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Father St. Dominic.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LAUDS.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste, &c.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

PSALM CL.

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places:* praise him in the firmament of his power.

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Praise ye him for his mighty acts;* praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

Praise him on high sounding cymbols; praise him on cymbols of joy;* let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—O good father St. Dominic, be mindful of thy own work, stand before the throne of the Supreme Judge, and plead for thy poor children.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

Like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full, and like the radiant sun, so did he shine forth in the temple of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

HYMN.

The bondage of the body o'er,
He dwells upon that happy shore,
Where glory shines for evermore.

And now his cord of poverty,
A shining stole of joy shall be,
And glory for eternity.

Within the tomb his body lies,
But fragrant odours sweet arise,
With virtues sweeter sacrifice.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be.
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

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V. Thou hast appeared glorious in the sight of the Lord.

R. Therefore the Lord arrayed thee with comeliness.

THE CANTICLE OF ZACHARY.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:* because he hath visited, and wrought the redemption of his people.

And hath raised up a powerful Saviour for us:* in the house of David his servant.

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets,* who are from the beginning.

Glory be, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—Comeliness of person, martyrdom of the soul: the voice of thy preaching hath filled the world. O poor follower of Christ, at the end of thy course the crown of life is prepared for thee.

V. Lord hear my prayer, &c.

PRAYER.

O God, who didst enlighten thy church by the virtues and teaching of thy confessor, the blessed Dominic, our father; grant that by his intercession, we may not be destitute of temporal aid; and that we may always abound more and more in spiritual blessings, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who lives and reigns with thee in union with the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

ANT.—Hail, O gem of confessors, tongue of Christ, voice of heaven, scribe of life, light of the learned, most blessed prelate: may those who venerate thee as a father, under thy guidance, obtain that life in which the souls of the blessed exult.

V. The first man shall bloom as a lily.

R. And flourish for ever in the sight of the Lord.

PRAYER.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers, and by the intercession of blessed Augustine, thy confessor and bishop, favourably bestow the effects of thy accustomed mercy on us, to whom thou hast given reason to trust in thy goodness, through Christ, &c. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c.

R. And let, &c.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Father, fulfil thy word.

R. Help us by thy prayers.

PRIME.

V. O good Jesus, through the prayers of St. Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. O God, incline unto my aid.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be, &c.

As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

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HYMN.

St. Dominic was a soldier true,
A DOMINIC* by nature too,
Full faithfully he served his Lord,
And kept inviolate his word.

The shining, spotless mirror he,
The lily of virginity,
A star, a blazing beacon light,
To save us from the powers of night.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

PSALM LIII.

Save me, O God, by thy name,* and judge me in thy strength.

O God, hear my prayer;* give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the mighty have sought after my soul:* and they have not set God before their eyes.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—The jewel of great price was hidden in the earth, buried in a poor coffin: many miracles displayed his virtue.

* Dominic signifies lord or prince, and watchful guardian of the flock of Christ.

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THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

The just man shall give his heart to the Lord who made him, to watch early in the morning: and he shall pour forth his prayers in the sight of the most high.

R. O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the prayers of St. Dominic.

V. O Jesus Christ, make us grateful to thee.

R. By the prayers of St. Dominic.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. O Jesus Christ, &c.

V. Lord, arise and help us.

R. And deliver us for thy sake.

PRAYER.

O, Almighty God, hearken to our supplications, and direct the actions of thy servants in the prosperous way of thy salvation, that amidst all the vicissitudes of this way and of this life, by the intercession of thy confessor, the blessed Dominic, our most sweet father, we may ever experience thy protection and assistance, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Father, fulfil thy word.

R. Help us by thy prayers.

TERCE.

V. O good Jesus, through the prayers of Saint Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. O God, incline, &c.

R. O Lord, make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

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HYMN.

The earth, and all its follies scorning,
His noble spirit soared on high,
Like eagle through the clouds of morning,
Exulting to the radiant sky.

Heroic zeal his soul inspired,
The world he trampled under feet,
The word of God his bosom fired,
Alone he dared the foe to meet.

Throughout the world from age to age,
His brethren still that foe engage,
Their armour bright of heavenly light,
Soon turned to flight the power of night.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one;
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

PSALM VIII.

O Lord, our Lord,* how admirable is thy name in the whole earth. For thy magnificence is elevated above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise,* because of thy enemies, that thou mayest destroy the enemy and the avenger.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—That sacred body, which had been the treasury of gifts and graces, now surpasses the fragrancy of all aromatic spices.

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THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

Like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full, and like the radiant sun, so did he shine forth in the temple of God.

R. O blessed father Dominic, hear the prayers of thy children.

V. Obtain for us the tender mercy of heaven.

R. Hear the prayers of thy children.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. O blessed Father, &c.

V. O good and tender father St. Dominic, be mindful of thy own works.

R. Stand before the Sovereign Judge, and plead for thy children.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

PRAYER.

O God, who dost enlighten thy church by the virtues and teaching of thy confessor, the blessed Dominic, our father, grant that, by his intercession, we may not be destitute of temporal aid; and that we may always abound more and more in spiritual blessings, through Christ, &c. Amen.

V. O Father, fulfil thy word.

R. Help us by thy prayers.

SEXTE.

V. O good Jesus, through the prayers of Saint Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. O God, incline, &c.

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R. O Lord, make haste, &c.
Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

HYMN.

Come let our choir join once more,
To hymn a lay of praise,
A goodly hymn unsung before,
Be Dominic our theme.

'Twas in the world's evening hour,
When darkling's shadows close,
The harbinger of mercy's power,
Saint Dominic arose.

A brilliant star of heavenly light,
Forechosen from the womb,
To shine amid the shades of night,
And dissipate their gloom.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

PSALM XIV.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle?* or who shall rest in thy holy hill? He that walketh without blemish and worketh justice.

He that speaketh truth in his heart,* who hath not used deceit in his tongue.

Glory be, &c.
As it was, &c.

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ANT.—One of the brothers sees in a vision a ladder reaching from heaven to earth, by which the blessed Father ascends on high.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

My spirit, which is in thee, and my words, which I have placed in thy mouth, shall not depart from thee, nor from thy posterity henceforth and for ever, saith the Lord.

R. O good father, blessed Dominic, be mindful of thy own work.

V. Stand before the Sovereign Judge, and plead for thy poor children.

R. Be mindful, &c.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. O good, &c.

V. O great, O blessed father St. Dominic, in the hour of death receive us.

R. And always with an eye of tender love look down upon us here below.

V. Lord hear, &c.

R. And let, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord, we beseech thee, grant that we may be always assisted by the prayers of blessed Dominic, thy confessor, in order that what of ourselves we are unable to obtain, may be granted us by his intercession, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Father, fulfil thy word.

R. Help us by thy prayers.

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NONE.

V. O, good Jesus, through the prayers of Saint Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. God, incline, &c.

R. O Lord, make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

HYMN.

The Gospel's cheering heavenly light,
Illumes this darkling vale of tears,
The powers of night are turned to flight,
Where Dominic appears.

And tho' his mortal life is o'er,
His works remain for evermore,
His children come an order bright,
The battles of the Lord to fight.

This is that fount of paradise,
Where living waters ever flow,
This desert wild to fertilize,
And bid the flowers of heaven grow.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

PSALM XXIII.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof,* the world, and all they that dwell therein.

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For he hath founded it upon the seas:* and hath prepared it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend to the mountain of the Lord?* or who shall stand in his holy place?

The innocent in hands, and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—Amidst the choir of virgins he shines! the herald of truth: among the blessed spirits he wears a twofold crown of glory.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips. In peace and equity did he wander with me, and he turned away many from iniquity.

R. O great father St. Dominic, in the hour of death receive us.

V. Always with an eye of tender love, look down upon us here below.

R. In the hour of death, &c.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. O great father Saint Dominic, in the hour of death receive us.

V. The mouth of the just man shall meditate wisdom.

R. And his tongue shall utter justice.

V. O Lord, hear, &c.

R. And let my cry, &c.

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PRAYER.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we, who are weighed down by the heavy burden of our sins, may find relief through the patronage of thy confessor, the blessed Dominic, our father, through Christ, &c. Amen.

V. Father, fulfil thy word.

R. Help us by thy prayers.

VESPERS.

V. O good Jesus, through the prayers of Saint Dominic.

R. Render us grateful to thee.

V. O God, incline, &c.

R. O Lord, make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

PSALM CXI.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord;* he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth:* the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house; and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

At it was, &c.

ANT.—The poor man is transferred to a royal throne; the general to a sceptre; the conqueror to the prize of victory; death to life; toil to rest; present mourning to eternal joy.

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THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

Like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full, and like the radiant sun, so did he shine forth in the temple of God.

R. Thanks be to God.

HYMN.

Sacred spouse of Christ rejoice,
O mother, raise thy glorious voice,
Remembering Dominic's brilliant days,
And grateful sound the notes of praise.

Behold thy white-robed children shine,
Like stars around the throne divine,
Then, sacred spouse of Christ rejoice,
And mother raise thy gladsome voice.

And high amid that heavenly choir,
Behold their leader, founder, sire,
Exults, and like a blazing star,
Illumes this darkling world afar.

To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

V. Pray for us, O holy father St. Dominic.
R. That we may be made, &c.

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CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

SAINT LUKE I.

My soul* doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit rejoiceth* in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid;* for behold, from henceforth all ye generations shall call me blessed.

Glory be, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—O light of the church, O doctor of truth, O rose of patience, O precious jewel of chastity; the bright waters of heavenly wisdom thou didst freely deal out to all: O preacher of grace, unite us to the blessed.

O Lord, hear, &c.

R. And let, &c.

PRAYER.

O God, who didst enlighten the church, by the virtues and teaching of thy confessor, the blessed St. Dominic, our father, grant that, by his intercession, we may not be destitute of temporal aid, and that we may always abound more and more in spiritual blessings, through Christ, &c. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

ANT.—Jerusalem, our mother, rejoice, because thy King hath ransomed thy Augustine, that active and faithful steward, and most loyal citizen, from the servitude of Babylon.

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V. The Lord loved him and adorned him.
R. With a stole of glory.

PRAYER.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers, and by the intercession of blessed Augustine, thy confessor and bishop, favourably bestow the effects of thy accustomed mercy on us, to whom thou hast given reason to trust in thy goodness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear, &c.
R. And let, &c.
V. O Father, fulfil thy word.
R. Help us by thy prayers.

COMPLIN.

V. O good Jesus, through the prayers of Saint Dominic.
R. Render us grateful to thee.
V. Convert us, O Lord, our Saviour.
R. And avert thine anger from us.
V. O God, incline, &c.
R. O Lord, &c.
Glory, &c.
As it was, &c. *Alleluia.*

PSALM XXX.

In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded:* deliver me in thy justice.

Incline thine ear to me;* make haste to deliver me.

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Be unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge, to save me.

Glory, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—Striving unto death for the name of Christ, he fills the world with the seed of the divine word, dwelling under the roof of poverty.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

In the midst of the church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: he put on him a stole of glory.

R. Intercede for us, blessed father Dominic, intercede.

V. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

R. O blessed father Dominic.

V. Glory, &c.

R. Intercede for us.

HYMN.

The bondage of the body o'er,
He dwells upon that happy shore,
Where glory shines for evermore.

And now his cord of poverty,
A shining stole of joy shall be,
And glory for eternity.

Within the tomb his body lies,
But fragrant odours sweet arise,
With virtues sweeter sacrifice.

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To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
All honour, praise, and glory be,
Now, and for all eternity. Amen.

V. Guard us, O Lord, as the pupil of thine eye.
R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings.

THE CANTICLE OF SIMEON.

Now, thou dost dismiss thy servant,* according to thy word in peace.

Because my eyes* have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared* before the face of all people.

A light to the revelation of the Gentiles,* and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory, &c.

As it was, &c.

ANT.—O unspotted mirror of purity, transfer us, who celebrate thy joys and thy felicity, when our course of life is over, to the kingdom of glory.

V. O Lord, hear, &c.

R. And let my cry, &c.

PRAYER.

O Lord, we beseech thee, have mercy on us thy servants; and through the intercession of thy confessor, the most blessed Dominic, our most beloved father, mercifully pardon, and blot out whatever sins we have committed during this life, by the eye, by the ear, and by the tongue. Through Christ our Lord, who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen.

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A NOVENA TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT DOMINIC.

O RENOWNED champion of the faith of Christ, most holy father Saint Dominic, who didst renounce the honour and dignity of an earthly principality to embrace the poor, laborious, and mortified life which should distinguish a disciple of him who has said—"*If any man will come after me let him take up his cross and follow me.*" O, burning torch! who being thyself consumed with the fire of divine love didst incessantly endeavour to enkindle that sacred flame in the hearts of others, look down from that throne of glory, where thou enjoyest the reward of all thy labours, upon me, thy poor unworthy child, and obtain that some sparks of that blessed fire may be lighted up in my soul to animate and encourage me under whatever crosses or trials with which it shall please the divine goodness to visit me. Thou, O great saint, didst regard as nothing all the afflictions thou didst endure, and all the toils thou didst undergo for the promotion of God's holy cause, obtain, I beseech you, that the same ardent love which strengthened thee, may render sweet to me labours, humiliations, disgraces, or whatever other mortifications I may have to suffer for the name of Jesus. May I ever bear in mind that nothing can happen to me but by the particular dispensation of a God who is infinitely wise, and therefore knows what is most

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for my welfare; infinitely powerful, and consequently able to effect it; and, above all, infinitely merciful and loving, who has laid down his life for my redemption, and continues daily to give new proofs of his love and bounty. O, tender father of the poor! who when all thy other resources were exhausted didst offer thyself for their relief obtain for me that true spirit of compassion for the suffering members of Jesus Christ which shone forth so conspiously in thy holy life. May I by charity, to those whom Jesus so dearly loves, heap up for myself treasures in heaven where thou now enjoyest what the eye has not seen, the ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived; but which God has prepared for those who love him, and who prove themselves his disciples by their faithful observance of his divine precept—"*Love one another.*" I praise and thank God for the exalted degree of sanctity to which he has raised thee, and the special privileges by which he has distinguished thee; and conjure thee, by that gratitude with which thou shalt for all eternity be penetrated to thy divine benefactor, to implore for me grace to root out of my heart whatever is not agreeable in his sight; especially that evil habit by which I most frequently offend him. Obtain likewise the favours I request in this Novena, through thy powerful intercesion.

Here specify your intentions.

O, glorious mother of God! queen of the most sacred Rosary! who didst love Dominic with the affection of a mother, and wert most tenderly loved and honoured by him, do thou look upon me for his sake with an eye of pity, deign to join with him in pre-

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senting these my petitions to thy most blessed Jesus. I do sincerely desire from this moment to love him with all my heart, and serve him with all my strength, and now place myself under thy powerful protection, as a certain means of obtaining all the graces necessary to serve him faithfully here, that so I may eternally rejoice with him hereafter. Amen.

THE LITANY OF OUR HOLY FATHER, ST. DOMINIC.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Who dwellest in light inaccessible, have mercy on us.
Splendour of the Father's glory, have mercy on us.
Sanctifying spirit, have mercy on us.
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Mary, mother of holy love,
Holy father Saint Dominic,
Glory of the house of Guzman,
Follower of Jesus Christ,
Eminently endowed with the virtues of his sacred heart,
Singularly devoted to our Blessed Lady,
Promoter of her honour,
Splendour of the priesthood,
Founder of Friar Preachers,
Confounder of the Albigenses,
Thaumaturgus of thy age,
Reviver of ecclesiastial discipline,
Saint Dominic, most humble,
Saint Dominic, most obedient,
Saint Dominic, most charitable,
} Pray for us.

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Saint Dominic, greatly in love with holy poverty,
Glorious Patriarch,
Father of Saints,
Treasure of divine love,
Enjoying the beatific vision in the splendour of the saints,
} Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Lord.

ANT.—Greater love than this no man hath that he lay down his life for his friends.

V. Pray for us, O holy father Saint Dominic.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast vouchsafed to enlighten thy Church by the eminent merits and doctrine of blessed Dominic, thy confessor, and our Father, mercifully grant that by his intercession we may find relief in our temporal necessities, and ever be assisted in arriving at perfection, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A NOVENA TO SAINT CATHERINE, OF SIENNA.

O, SERAPHIC Catherine! who even in this vale of tears wert constantly united to the only object of thy desires in heaven and on earth. Privileged saint! who didst bear in thy body the impression of the sacred wounds of our Divine Redeemer, and in whose holy life "*the life also of Jesus was made manifest*," I look up to thee as my powerful advocate with God, and whilst I thank him fervently for the favours conferred upon thee, I conjure thee to obtain for me a faithful imitation of those virtues which endeared thee to his Sacred Heart. O fervent follower of thy crucified Master! how should thy ardent desires and joyful acceptance of the thorns, mortifications, and ignominy of Jesus, confound my excessive pride and love of ease. Thou, though distinguished by such precious tokens of the Almighty's love, didst rank thyself below all, designing rather to obey than command. I, on the contrary, though continually rebellious to his voice, and insensible to the most pressing inspirations of his grace, desire on every occasion to be esteemed, and studiously conceal whatever might lesson me in the eyes of men. O, beloved child of God! instructed by the eternal wisdom, who when the enemy of souls sought to excite in thee sentiments of false humility, and thus to draw thee into despair, didst raise thyself up by the consideration of the infinite mercies of God; and when that spirit of pride assaulted thee with the temptations of

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vain glory didst know how to descend into the abyss of thy own nothingness, obtain for me, I beseech thee, an entire diffidence in myself, and an unbounded filial confidence in that God who resists the proud, and gives his grace to the humble. Inspire me with a solid devotion to the adorable Heart of Jesus, that refuge of afflicted hearts, where alone thou didst pour forth all thy sorrows, when thou didst seek and find that solid consolation which so many of those who call themselves disciples of Jesus do not blush to seek in vain, sinful pleasures, and which even I, who have been favoured above so many others, called into the house of the Lord, nourished at his table; I, who have tasted how sweet the Lord is, seek so frequently from creatures and exterior objects. O, compassionate mediatrix! remember that whilst on earth the blindness of sinners often drew tears from thy eyes, and that the greatest efforts of thy zeal were exerted for their conversion; and surely now, that thou art in possession of those joys which the eye hath not seen, the ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, thou wilt continue to exercise thy accustomed charity. Do, then, entreat of thy Divine Benefactor, to bestow on me true humility of heart, a lively and tender devotion to the sacred passion of Jesus, sincere compunction for my manifold sins, for which it was necessary our divine Lord should be wounded, such ardent love of him as will induce me to seek nothing but his glory, and under every affliction to have recourse to him alone, who is the "Father of mercies, and God of all consolations, who comforts us in all our tribulations." Ask for

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me that love of poverty so essential to perfection in the religious state, of which thy mortified life was so brilliant an example, that spirit of prayer which was thy peculiar characteristic. Obtain also the particular intentions of this Novena.

O, blessed Catherine! burning with zeal for the honour of thy divine spouse, whom thou didst behold daily outraged in the ineffable sacrament of his love, how abundantly were thy ardent sighs and inflamed desires of his sacramental presence repaid, even here on earth, when thy Saviour disengaging himself from the hands of his minister permitted thee not to await the usual time of communicating, but speedily recreated thy soul with his precious body and blood. I am covered with confusion when I behold the tepidity and negligence with which I approach that furnace of infinite love. O, blessed mother, I earnestly entreat thee to obtain for me all the dispositions necessary for communicating worthily; do not permit that my frequent participation of that bread of angels should diminish my respect, rather intercede that I may daily increase in love and fervour towards this most adorable sacrament. Obtain for me a sovereign horror of sin, the only real evil; enlighten my mind that I may duly appreciate the inestimable treasure of divine grace, that having thus imitated thee in this life I may attain with thee to the eternal enjoyment of him in heaven, who has bequeathed his precious body and blood for the support and nourishment of my soul on earth. Amen.

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THE LITANY OF SAINT CATHERINE, OF SIENNA.

Eternal fountain of all being, have mercy on us.
Unspotted mirror of God's majesty, have mercy on us.
Love of the Father and the Son, have mercy on us.
Sacred Trinity of persons in unity of essence, have mercy on us.

August Mary, tabernacle of God with men,
Holy father Saint Dominic,
Saint Catherine, of Sienna,
Saint Catherine, our holy mother and patroness,
Chaste spouse of Jesus Christ,
Fervent lover of our Lord,
Faithful follower of the Cross,
Contemplative soul, instructed by the Holy Ghost,
Enemy of vanity,
Vanquisher of the evil one,
Pattern of obedience and docility,
Humble Catherine,
Rigidly austere,
Immaculate Catherine,
Most devout to the blessed sacrament,
Entirely devoted to, and possessed of, the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Lustre of Dominicanesses,
Heroically meek and patient,
Transcendently charitable,
Powerful in converting souls,
Mediatrix for sinners,
Angel of peace,
Guide in the interior life,
Replenished with eternal knowledge,

Pray for us.

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Filled with divine gifts,
Caught up to the throne of the divinity,
Following the Lamb whithersoever he goeth,
Encompassed with glory, and inebriated with the plenitude of the house of God,
} Pray for us.
Brightness of eternal light, have mercy on us.
Teacher of Saint Catherine, have mercy on us.
Increated Beauty, rewarder of Saint Catherine, have mercy on us.

ANT.—The zeal of thy house has devoured me.

R. And the affronts of those that insulted they have fallen upon me.

V. Pray for us, O blessed Saint Catherine.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who didst adorn blessed Catherine with a special privilege of purity and patience, and didst enable her to triumph over the malignant spirits, and to persevere unshaken in the love of thy holy name, grant, we beseech thee, that by her example, contemning the world, and overcoming all its deceits, we may securely pass to the enjoyment of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS, OF AQUIN.

GRANT me, O merciful God, earnestly to desire the things that are pleasing to thee, to search after them with prudence, to discern them without mistake, and

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perfectly to accomplish them, to the praise and glory of thy name. Do thou order my state of life, and bestow upon me the knowledge of what thou requirest of me to do; and then help me to excite it, as I ought, and as is most to the benefit of my soul. My Lord, and my God, grant that I may neither be puffed up with prosperity nor cast down with adversity. May nothing give me any joy or sorrow, but what either brings me to thee, or carries me away from thee. Let me not be ambitious to please, nor afraid to displease any one but thyself. Lord, may all that passes away lose its value with me; and may all that concerns thee be dear to me for thy own sake, and thou, O God, above all things. May that joy be my aversion that is without thee, and let me never desire anything besides thyself. May it be my delight, O Lord, to take pains for thee, and may it be tedious to be at rest without thee. Grant me, O Lord, to raise my heart frequently to thee; and in my failings help me to reflect upon them with sorrow, and a purpose of amendment.

Lord, make me obedient without contradiction; poor, without losing courage; chaste, without corruption; patient, without complaining; humble, without deceit; cheerful, without levity; sorrowful, without dejection; grave, without sadness; active, without precipitation; fearing thee, without despondency; a speaker of truth, without double-dealing. Grant me to do good, without presumption; to admonish my neighbour of his faults, without haughtiness; to edify him both by word and example, without dissembling.

Give me, O Lord, a watchful heart, not to be

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carried away from thee by any suggestion of curiosity; a generous heart, not to be borne down by any unworthy affections; an upright heart, not to be carried aside by any sinister intention; an invincible heart, not to be broken by any tribulation; a heart entirely free, not to be commanded by any perverse or violent passion.

Lord God, bestow upon me an understanding enlightened with the knowledge of thee, a diligence bent upon seeking thee, wisdom to find thee, a conversation agreeable to thee, perseverance to wait for thee with fidelity, and confidence to embrace thee to the last. May I partake of thy painful sufferings by penance, make a right use of thy benefits by grace, and possess thy joys in my heavenly country by glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY OF SAINT THOMAS, OF AQUIN.

O thou, the Most High, have mercy on us.
Mighty one of Jacob have mercy on us.
Divine Spirit, have mercy on us.
Great Triune of God, have mercy on us.
Glorious Mother of the King of kings,
Saint Thomas, of Aquin,
Worthy child of the Queen of Virgins,
Aquinas most chaste,
Aquinas most patient,
Prodigy of science,
Silently eloquent,
Reproach of the ambitious,
Lover of that life which is hidden with Christ in God,

} Pray for us.

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Fragrant flower in the parterre of St. Dominic,
Transparency of Friar Preachers,
Illumined from on high,
Angel of schools,
Oracle of the Church,
Incomparable scribe of the Man-God,
Satiated with the odour of His perfumes,
Perfect in the school of His cross,
Intoxicated with the strong wine of His charity,
Glittering gem in the cabinet of the Lord,
Model of perfect obedience,
Endowed with the true spirit of holy poverty,
} Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, &c. &c.

ANT.—Oh, how beautiful is the chaste generation with glory, for the memory thereof is immortal, because it is known with God and man, and it triumpheth crowned for ever.

V. Oh! what have I in heaven, or what do I desire on earth?

R. Thou art the God of my heart, and my portion for ever.

PRAYER.

O God, who hast ordained that blessed Thomas should enlighten thy Church, grant that through his prayers we may practise what he taught, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRAYER TO SAINT PETER GONZALES.

ANT.—Blessed is the servant whom the Lord shall find watching when he cometh.

V. Pray for us, blessed Peter.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast shown the wonderful aid of blessed Peter Gonzales in dangers of the sea, grant us through his intercession, that in the tempests of this life the light of thy grace may ever shine, through which we may be enabled to find the harbour of eternal safety, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. HYACINTH, CONFESSOR.

ANT.—O, Hyacinth, most fair flower of the order of preachers, who among the white lilies of virgins, and the fragrant violets of doctors shinest refulgent with thy double crown; whilst with glad voices we greet thee, do thou, we beseech thee, imbue us with the sweetness of thy odour.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast made blessed Hyacinth thy confessor, renowned amongst nations by the sanctity of his works, and by the glory of his miracles, grant

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in prosperity we may be reformed by his example, and in adversity we may be protected by his aid, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT VINCENT FERRER.

O, holy Saint Vincent, glorious confessor, whom as thou didst ascend the heavens a mighty choir of angels issued forth to greet. Lead us also, we beseech thee, as we sing thy name with frequent praise to the sacred kingdoms of the blessed.

V. Pray for us, blessed Vincent.

R. That we made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who by the wonderful preaching of blessed Vincent, thy confessor, hast brought a multitude of nations to acknowledge thy holy name, grant, we beseech thee, that we may merit to receive as our reward in heaven the judge whom he announced would come on earth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, &c.

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Queen of Virgins,
Saint Agnes, blessed spouse of Christ,
Saint Agnes, burning with love of the Cross,
Saint Agnes, model of most tender charity,
Lustre of the Dominican order,
Saint Agnes, flower of innocence,
Model of humility,
Example of religious virtues,
Protectress of the weak,
Saint Agnes, most pure,
Saint Agnes, most chaste,
Saint Agnes, most obedient,
Saint Agnes, most humble,
Great favourite of heaven,
} Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, &c. &c.

V. Pray for us, O holy Saint Agnes.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

ANT.—Agnes is called to-day to the nuptials of the Lamb, alleluia; she rests in joy with her spouse, alleluia.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast vouchsafed to pour down on blessed Saint Agnes, thy virgin, thy heavenly dew, and to decorate the places wherein she prayed with the springing forth of different flowers, mercifully grant that by her prayers being sprinkled with the dew of thy benediction, we may merit to receive the fruits of eternity, through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ROSE OF LIMA.

O, holy Rose of the Sacred Heart, amiable spouse of Jesus, from whose mouth thou didst hear those sweet and agreeable words—"Rose of my heart be my spouse." Happy Rose, lover of the infant Jesus, with whom thou hadst so often the happiness of conversing, with the greatest familiarity, embracing thee with reciprocal tenderness, full of love for Jesus crucified, concealed under the eucharistic species. O, daughter of Mary, who watched thee herself every night that thou mightest give thyself to prayer. O, holy Saint Rose, who hadst the consolation of enjoying the visible presence of thy guardian angel, and our blessed mother, Saint Catherine, of Sienna (your great model), receiving from each of them the helps of which thou didst stand in need, in the midst of thy pains and combats. O! since heaven has favoured thee, my patroness and advocate, in so distinguished a manner, obtain for me the graces which are necessary for me to soften my spiritual pains and temporal miseries; enkindle in my heart, at least, one spark of that divine fire with which thy heart always united to the heart of Jesus was inflamed, that as I am not worthy, like thee, of enjoying his sweetness I would rather be deprived of this heart than of his holy love. Amen.

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V. Pray for us, O holy Saint Rose.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER TO SAINT PETER, MAR., O.S.D.

O Thou, the author of all, I beseech thee, in this paschal joy, to increase our devotion by the intercession of St. Peter.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who hast arisen from the dead.

And adornest with unfading crowds those that are firm in the contest. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT CATHERINE, OF RICCI.

O, Lord Jesus Christ, who hast been pleased that the holy virgin Catherine should be inflamed with thy holy love, and shine forth in the contemplation of thy passion, grant unto us, by her intercession, that meditating devoutly on the mysteries of the passion we may deserve to obtain its fruit, who livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT AUGUSTINE.

O, glorious Saint Augustine! most admirable doctor of the Church! light and oracle of the faithful!

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O illustrious penitent! whose perfect conversion has exhibited to the whole world the extent and tenderness of God's mercy, listen to our supplications, and deign thyself to present our prayers to God. Penetrated with the respect, gratitude, and love due from children towards their beloved and holy father, we lay our petitions at thy sacred feet, beseeching thee most earnestly to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining them for us. Permit not, O great saint, that we should be unworthy of thee, watch over us in life, and receive us at death, that with thee we may eternally behold that increated Beauty, who was too long hidden from thee, and ardently love that infinite goodness whom thou didst bitterly deplore having loved too late. Amen.

PRAYER COMPOSED BY ST. AUGUSTINE, AND RECOMMENDED BY POPE URBAN VIII. TO THE DEVOTION OF ALL CHRISTIANS.

Before thy holy eyes, O Lord, we humbly lay open our guilty lives. If we compare the faults we have committed with the stripes we have received.

We must confess the evils we have done are far greater than the evils which we suffer.

The crimes which burden our consciences are heavy, but the chastisements which thou sendest us are light.

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We feel the punishment of sin, and still continue in the obstinacy of sinning.

Our weak nature faints under thy scourges, and our perverse wills grows stronger in their vices.

Our restless minds find no content in the liberties of the world, yet will not our stiff necks bend to thy sweet yoke.

We sigh away our days in grief, yet all our sorrow works not the least amendment in our lives.

If thou tarriest for our repentance we abuse thy mercy; if thou takest vengeance on our ingratitude we cannot bear thy justice.

Whilst we are under the rod we bewail our offences; as soon as thy visitation is over we forget our tears.

If thou stretch out thy hand, we promise duty; if thou suspend thy sword, we keep not our promise. If thou strike, we cry for pardon; and if thou pardon, we provoke thee again to strike.

Here, O Lord, are thy criminals confessing their guilt. We know, that unless thou forgive, thou mayest justly destroy us.

Let then thy goodness, O Almighty Father, grant our prayers without any merit of ours, whose power created us from nothing, that we may be able to pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANT.—We wait in expectation of our Saviour's coming, who will reform our frail bodies, and make them conformable to his glorious body.

Behold the God of heaven is our Redeemer.

In him we will put our confidence, and will not fear.

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Almighty God, who for the redemption of mankind, didst send thy only begotten Son to assume our flesh, and suffer death upon the cross; we humbly beseech thee, that we may both imitate the example of his patience, and become partakers of his resurrection: who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, lives and reigns one God. World without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS BEFORE STUDY.

O unspeakable Creator, who out of the treasure of thy wisdom, hast ordained three hierarchies of angels, and placed them in a wonderful order above the heavens, and hast most wisely distributed the parts of the world; thou, who art called the true fountain of light and wisdom, and the highest beginning, vouchsafe to pour upon the darkness of my understanding, in which I was born, the double beam of thy brightness, removing from me all darkness of sin and ignorance.

Thou who makest eloquent the tongues of the dumb, instruct my tongue, and pour into my lips, the grace of thy blessing. Give me quickness of understanding, capacity of retaining, subtilty of interpreting, facility in learning, and copious grace of speaking. Guide my going in, direct my going forward, and accomplish my going forth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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BEADS OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Begin by saying,—
God the Father of heaven.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
God the Holy Ghost.
Holy Trinity, one God.
Say the Gloria Patri thirty times.
Concluding each ten with the verse—
"Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: let us praise and extol him for ever."

BEADS OF THE SACRED HEART.

ON THE CROSS.

O Jesus! give us thy heart as a pledge of thy love, and as a place of refuge, that we may find therein a secure repose during our life, and a sweet comfort at the hour of our death. Amen.

O sacred heart of Jesus, burning with the love of us! inflame our hearts with the love of thee. Amen.

(To be repeated thirty times, concluding each ten with the following prayer.)

Thee I adore, praise, and love. O sacred heart of my dear Jesus! penetrated with grief, at the thought of so many offences, which have been hitherto committed against thee in the most holy Sacrament of the altar; I offer up to thee the most amiable heart

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of thy most beloved mother, with the merits of the saints, in satisfaction thereof. Amen.

BEADS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE GLORIOUS VIRGIN MARY.

V. Thou, O Lord! wilt open my lips.
R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.
V. Incline unto my aid, O God!
R. O Lord! make haste to help me!
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
R. Amen.

First.—By the sacred virginity and immaculate conception, O, most holy Virgin, purify my body and soul, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I thank thee, eternal Father, for having chosen the blessed Virgin for thy daughter, and salute thee, holy Virgin, as daughter of God the Father.

Our Father, &c., once. Hail, Mary, &c., four times; and glory be to the Father, &c., once.

Second.—By thy sacred virginity and immaculate conception, &c.

I thank thee, divine Son, for selecting the blessed Virgin for thy mother; and salute thee, holy Virgin, as mother of God the Son.

Our Father, &c.

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Third.—By the sacred virginity and immaculate conception, &c.

I thank thee, Holy Spirit, for having chosen the blessed Virgin for thy spouse; and salute thee, holy Virgin, as spouse of God the Holy Ghost.

Our Father, &c.

Pray for us, O immaculate mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER.

O holy Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, queen of heaven, and lady of the world, who dost not forsake any, behold me with an eye of pity, and obtain for me of thy blessed Son the pardon of all my sins, that I, who with devotion, now commemorate thy immaculate conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss, through the grace and mercy of this same Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

BEADS OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

Say on the cross the *Te Deum.*

On the decades (which may be five, seven, or nine, as time and devotion serve), the *Ave Maria,* or *Gloria Patri;* and on the stones say—"O holy angels! I love you, and wish to love you more." If a person wish to address it to his angel guardian, he

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will say on the stones the little prayer—"O Angel of God! to whose care, &c." and the rest, as before.

BEADS OF SAINT JOSEPH.

UPON THE GREAT BEADS RECITE THE FOLLOWING PRAYER.

Assist us, O Lord! we beseech thee, by the merits of the spouse of thy most holy mother, that what we cannot obtain ourselves, may be given us by his intercession, who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost. World without end. Amen.

Upon the small Beads say—

St. Joseph! most blessed of all blessed souls after Jesus and Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

BEADS FOR THE DEAD.

Say the creed on the cross.

The Lord's Prayer on the decades or large beads, and this little prayer on the smaller beads: O most compassionate Lord Jesus, have mercy on them.

Conclude each ten with—Give them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine on them.

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BEADS OF ST. MAGDALEN.

Say the creed on the cross.

One of the three following acts on each of the three small beads:—

"O eternal truth! I believe in thee, and will always believe."

"O infinite goodness! I hope in thee, and will always hope."

"O ineffable beauty! incomprehensible beauty! I love thee, and will always love thee more and more."

On each of the large beads, one our Father, and one glory be to the Father, &c.

On each of the first ten:

"O eternal truth! I believe all thou hast revealed, increase my faith."

On the second ten:

"O infinite goodness! I hope for all, strengthen my hope."

On the last ten:

"O incomprehensible beauty! O ineffable beauty! I love thee; may I ever love thee more and more."

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